

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008

5:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Freeholder Crabb; Freeholder Parrott; Freeholder Vetrano;
Freeholder Zellman; Freeholder Director Wirths; Dennis
McConnell, County Counsel; John Eskilson, County Administrator;
Elaine Morgan, Clerk

3. MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. PUBLIC STATEMENT

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 Adequate Notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail, such notice being submitted on January 7, 2008 from the Administrative Center of the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey to the following:

New Jersey Herald	WSUS Radio
New Jersey Sunday Herald	WNNJ Radio
The Daily Record	Star Ledger

and is also posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Administrative Center for public announcements and has been submitted to the Sussex County Clerk in compliance with said Act."

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

6. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations and Certificates

1. Proclamation designating the week of October 19-25, 2008 as "National Save for Retirement Week".

592-2008

2. Proclamation designating the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

593-2008

3. Proclamation in recognition of Derek D. Owen attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

594-2008

4. Proclamation in recognition of Steven P. Malpiedi attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

595-2008

5. Proclamation in recognition of Richard N. Flynn attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

596-2008

6. Certificate for Jenna Balunis In appreciation for sharing her culinary skills and volunteering her time at the Wine and Cheese/Jersey Fresh Fundraiser to benefit the restoration of Lusscroft Farm.

597-2008

7. Certificate for Ashley Wild In appreciation for sharing her culinary skills and volunteering her time at the Wine and Cheese/Jersey Fresh Fundraiser to benefit the restoration of Lusscroft Farm.
598-2008

8. Certificate for Lee Casey In appreciation for sharing her culinary skills and volunteering her time at the Wine and Cheese/Jersey Fresh Fundraiser to benefit the restoration of Lusscroft Farm.
599-2008

9. Certificate for Trish Wilson In appreciation for sharing her culinary skills and volunteering her time at the Wine and Cheese/Jersey Fresh Fundraiser to benefit the restoration of Lusscroft Farm.
600-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to approve these Proclamations and Certificates, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

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Freeholder Wirths amended the Agenda to allow for item 8. O.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- O. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL AND CONSENT BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PAULINS KILL BASIN WATER RECLAMATION FACILITIES AND THE ISSUANCE BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF WASTEWATER FACILITY NOTES AND REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$5,496,000.00
601-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt Resolution 8. O., seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

Comment on Bonds

Freeholder Wirths noted that Municipal and Government Bonds were not selling at the present time; he asked Jack Kraft, Bond Counsel, when it was anticipated to go out for bids.

Mr. Kraft replied that approval would be obtained from the Local Finance Board, which would probably be in November, with an October deadline for filing; he added that the earliest to be in the market for 36 month notes would be in January; Mr. Kraft said that the markets may settle down by then.

There was a brief discussion on the bonds.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

Solid Waste Budget

Freeholder Parrott questioned the status of the solid waste budget at the Municipal Utilities Authority.

John Hatzelis, Administrator, Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA), came forward; Mr. Hatzelis stated that it was going to be tight, but based on the best projections, the SCMUA would make it to the end of this fiscal year with everything covered based on what the State aid number was and what the SCMUA revenues are; the 2009 budget has been introduced and sent to the Department of Community Affairs for review; Mr. Hatzelis said the SCMUA anticipated about the same number of tons (106,000 tons); he suggested that SCMUA officials and County officials meet at some level and discuss the "what ifs."

Freeholder Wirths said that he and Freeholder Parrott were on the Budget Committee and suggested that this discussion could take place during the Budget Hearings.

Mr. Eskilson suggested later this month or early November for this meeting; Mr. Hatzelis asked that it take place prior to October 31; Mr. Eskilson said that his office would be in contact with Mr. Hatzelis to arrange a meeting.

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The Meeting returned to the Agenda as listed.

7. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

MOTION made at 5:13 pm by Freeholder Vetrano to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

Comments from the President of the Sussex County Community College

Dr. Constance Mierendorf, President, Sussex County Community College (SCCC), came forward; she said that it has been just over a year since she joined SCCC and that it has been a very busy year.

Dr. Mierendorf offered the following update:

- **Middle States Accreditation visit**

SCCC was notified on July 1, 2008, that it was accredited for another ten years.

- **Strategic Planning Process**

A new Strategic Planning Process is in place and is a five year plan that is very ambitious; she added that it would be shared with the Freeholder Board at a later date.

- **Internal Governance Structure**

The Internal Governance Structure has been reorganized to make it a much more participatory system, allowing people from all walks of the campus, including students, to be involved in a way that they had not been involved before.

- **Increase in full-time student population**

There has been an 8% increase in the number of full-time students on campus; there are currently 3,700 students, with 60% of them being full-time (2,223 students).

- **Number of students from a particular school**

Dr. Mierendorf said that the average percentage of students coming from each graduating class in the County averaged out to be in the 30% area.

- **Performing Arts Center**

Twenty-four additional major events are planned between now and June.

- **Softball field**

Has been completed and will be available for use in the spring.

- **New parking lot**

A new parking lot with 170 spaces has been constructed utilizing Chapter 12 funds.

Dr. Mierendorf distributed a "Fast Facts" pamphlet to the Board (copy on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office).

The Board thanked Dr. Mierendorf for her update.

Use of County Libraries for Republican Club Meetings

Anthony Pagano, Frankford Township, came forward; he said that he was a member of the Branchville/Frankford Republican Club; he said that last month the Branchville/Frankford Republican Club held its meeting at the County Library in Frankford Township; Mr. Pagano said that when a telephone call was made to the Library to schedule the use of its facility for the next meeting of the Club, they were told that the Club was no longer allowed to use it; he questioned why this was.

Freeholder Wirths stated for the record that the Wantage Republican Club had contacted him regarding the same issue.

Mr. McConnell informed Mr. Pagano that he has responded in writing to a couple of individuals involved in the Club and also via telephone to another individual; he stated that there was a policy in place, a Freeholder policy, that no one was allowed to deviate from unless the Freeholder Board changed it; Mr. McConnell said that unfortunately the staff at the Library did not understand the policy; he said that even organizations, such as the Rotary or Kiwanis groups also could not meet there.

Mr. McConnell explained that there was a core basis for allowing meetings in those facilities; it was for educational, informational, and cultural events; when an organization utilized the facility to put on a presentation for the public in general, it had to be something for the public and clubs did not do this.

Mr. Pagano said that the goal of the Club was to provide information as to what was going on at the County and State levels; he referred to a copy of a policy dated in 2002.

Mr. McConnell said that this was not the primary purpose of these types of organizations; he said that the policy was not designed for organizations to hold monthly meetings there, adding that the reason for this was because these facilities would be inundated with requests from all types of clubs.

There was a brief discussion regarding the use of these facilities and the potential for many organizations and clubs to request to utilize the libraries; the Board said that it would revisit the policy.

Freeholder Wirths asked the Clerk to obtain copies of the 1995 policy and the 2002 policy for each Board Member.

Alternate energy source

Tom Davis came forward; he said he was a Planning Consultant and commented on a letter he had previously provided to Freeholder Vetrano regarding his (Mr. Davis') exploration of various renewable energy sources, along with the economic issues associated with them; he said that he has been working with some non-profit groups and has also been doing research as a consultant.

Mr. Davis discussed the potential of growing and using switchgrass as an alternate source of energy; he said that switchgrass seemed to be a good match for the Sussex County area; he asked that the Board review his letter and if a discussion was held in the future, he would like to be included in it.

The Board thanked Mr. Davis for his comments.

Presentation of Proclamation

Freeholder Parrott presented a Proclamation in recognition of "National Save for Retirement Week" to Diana Morrison, who had arrived from the Center for Prevention and Counseling.

MOTION made at 5:40 pm by Freeholder Vetrano to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RESOLUTION RE: PAYMENT OF BILLS
602-2008
- B. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
603-2008 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE 2008 AREA PLAN ALLOCATION, MID-YEAR ALLOCATION OF AREA PLAN CARRYOVER FUNDS FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$56,030.00
- C. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
604-2008 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE OPERATING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR FTA SECTION 5311 GRANT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$613,119.00
- D. RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
605-2008 ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO 2008 SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$29,527.28
- E. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF
606-2008 NEW JERSEY IN THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR INSURANCE FRAUD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE'S INSURANCE FRAUD PROSECUTOR (Resolution authorizes this grant in the amount of \$118,750.00)
- F. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD
607-2008 OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO TERMINATE A CONTRACT WITH NORWESCAP FOR THE PROVISION OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY 2-1-1 CALL CENTER TO THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY THROUGH THE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING (Resolution authorizes decreasing the original Contract by \$1,395.14 and reallocating it to People Help)

- G. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY THROUGH THE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING (Resolution authorizes decreasing the original Contract by \$25,000.00 and reallocating it to People Help)**
608-2008
- H. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH PEOPLE HELP OF SUSSEX COUNTY ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL \$26,395.14 IN GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY**
609-2008
- I. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO SUBMIT THE AREA PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT 90-1394-AAA-C-3 WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (Resolution authorizes this Grant Agreement with a County Match in the amount of \$7,697.00)**
610-2008
- J. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF THE FY 2009 (JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009) JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION'S COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY FUNDING APPLICATION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$384,771.00 (Resolution authorizes this Application with a County Match for the JABG funds in the amount of \$1,039.00)**
611-2008
- K. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPT THE FUNDING FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SHARING AVAILABLE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY 2009 (SHARE) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON AND THE TRANSITIONAL COSTS (Resolution authorizes this Application in the amount of \$200,000.00)**
612-2008
- L. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE FOR THE PROVISION OF AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH ALLIANCE WORK PARTNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ. AND N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 ET SEQ.**
613-2008
- M. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF HVAC CONTROL UPGRADES AND REPAIRS IN THE SUSSEX COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER FOR THE DIVISION OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (Resolution authorizes this purchase from Cortese Corporation in the amount of \$122,222.00)**
614-2008

- N. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-615-2008 20.4 ET SEQ. FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, WITH ACCUMULATED VALUE LESS THAN THE BID THRESHOLD, AS STATED BELOW (Resolution authorizes the purchase orders for Medialab Solutions)
- O. RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL AND CONSENT BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PAULINS KILL BASIN WATER RECLAMATION FACILITIES AND THE ISSUANCE BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF WASTEWATER FACILITY NOTES AND REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$5,496,000.00
Adopted earlier in the Meeting
- P. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE 2008 COPS TECHNOLOGY GRANT AWARD #2008CKWX0547 FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PROVIDE \$935,300.00 IN FUNDING TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE AMENDED PERIOD OF DECEMBER 26, 2007 TO DECEMBER 25, 2010
Pulled to obtain additional Information

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions and determined that adoption of the said Resolutions is in and will further the public interest.

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to approve Resolutions 8. A – 8. N. on the Financial Consent Agenda, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

Resolution 8. H.

Freeholder Zellman stated that she was in attendance at the HSAC Meeting when the recommendation was voted on; she noted that the Resolution title referred to financial assistance, but said that it really was not financial assistance, but was to assist people with heating oil.

Mary Emilius, Director, United Way of Sussex County, came forward; she said that the United Way came up with a \$25,000.00 emergency grant for fuel oil which will be dispersed through NORWESCAP; People Help was going to try to fill in the gaps helping people who did not qualify or were not eligible by the poverty standard; Ms. Emilius said that United Way was asked to change its Contract because People Help realized that fuel oil or any kind of heating would not be the only thing that would be available as people would also need housing and utilities; she said that United Way is providing a bridge loan for the money if this Resolution is approved by the Freeholders so People Help would have the money tomorrow so it could be dispersed.

There was a brief discussion on the uses the funding would be utilized for.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting September 24, 2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to approve these Minutes, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

Comment on Minutes

Freeholder Parrott referred to his comments on page 9 of the September 24, 2008, meeting minutes regarding the grand opening of the Sussex/Wantage Library Amphitheater; he read the line "Joe Biuso came in with his heart and soul and did a wonderful job"; Freeholder Parrott said that he thought he said "put his heart and soul into the project."

The Motion was passed unanimously.

10. APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RESIGNATIONS

A. Resignations

1. Letter received from Linda Pinto resigning her position on the Advisory Council of the Sussex County Division of Senior Services effective immediately.

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to accept this resignation, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

B. Appointments

1. RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LISA REIDINGER AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM STARTING IMMEDIATELY. TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2009
616-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Zellman to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- A. RESOLUTION RE: ENDORSEMENT OF THE 2009 YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION'S COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES PLAN FOR SUSSEX COUNTY
617-2008
- B. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO ACCEPT BLAIR ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM AS PART OF COUNTY ROUTE 673 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 27:16-5
618-2008
- C. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO DISCONTINUE AND TRANSFER LUSSCROFT ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 649) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE TO WANTAGE TOWNSHIP
619-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

12. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS/CHANGE ORDERS/BIDS

A. Awards of Contracts

1. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ICE CONTROL MATERIALS (SALT AND GRITS) FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS (Resolution awards these contract to Diamond Sand & Gravel in the approximate amount of \$117,500.00 based on unit prices and International Salt Company in the approximate amount of \$1,250,000.00 based on unit prices)**
620-2008
2. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR A QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT ENERGY SERVICES CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX**
621-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

Resolution 12. A. 1.

Mr. Eskilson said that the good news was that the County was \$2.00 less on the salt bid than the Morris County Co-op, but the bad news was that the County was \$20.00 higher than last year, or approximately 40 % higher; the last three years, the County has averaged 15,000 tons of salt per year, which is about a \$300,000.00 increase for the 2009 budget.

Mr. Eskilson added there were supply issues in the mid-west, but International Salt, the successful bidder, has assured the County that it does not anticipate a supply issue at Port Newark.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

B. Change Orders

1. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FINAL TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND NEW YORK BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS CORP. FOR MICRO SURFACING VARIOUS ROADS – 2008 (Resolution awards this Change Order to increase the Contract by \$16,888.81 (3.79%))**
622-2008
2. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT #2 FOR A NO-COST TIME EXTENSION FOR THE HIGHLANDS COMMERCIAL KITCHEN GRANT (Resolution authorizes this extension until December 31, 2008)**
623-2008
3. **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT #3 FOR A NO-COST TIME EXTENSION FOR THE HIGHLANDS AGRITOURISM GRANT (Resolution authorizes this extension until December 31, 2008)**
624-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Vetrano to adopt these Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Parrott.

Resolution 12. B. 2.

Freeholder Vetrano said that as of this week there were some farmers who would be going to the Technical School to begin work.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

Plans for vegetable stand at the Fairgrounds

Freeholder Wirths said that he saw Charlie Schaeffer, the architect, who informed him (Freeholder Wirths) that he was waiting for a site plan from the County so the vegetable stand could move forward.

Mr. Eskilson said that he would check into the status of the site plan.

13. FINANCIAL

- A. RESOLUTION RE: CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT, OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85
625-2008

MOTION made by Freeholder Crabb to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano.

On Roll Call the vote was:

Freeholder Crabb	Yes
Freeholder Parrott	Yes
Freeholder Vetrano	Yes
Freeholder Zellman	Yes
Freeholder Director Wirths	Yes

14. PERSONNEL

- A. Personnel Agenda

There was no Personnel Agenda.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- A. Other

Mr. Eskilson stated that he had no report at this time.

16. COUNTY COUNSEL

- A. Capital Projects
- B. Litigation
- C. Contracts
- D. Other Matters

Mr. McConnell stated that he had one item for Closed Session under Contracts.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

18. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

19. PUBLIC SESSION FROM THE FLOOR

MOTION made at 6:05 p.m. by Freeholder Vetrano to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Parrott and passed unanimously.

There was no one.

MOTION made at 6:06 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

Freeholder Wirths amended the Agenda to allow for Executive Session.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made at 6:07 p.m. by Freeholder Parrott to go into Executive Session for a matter of contract, seconded by Freeholder Zellman and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION
626-2008

- A. Personnel
- B. Contract
- C. Litigation
- D. Other Matters

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

MOTION made at 6:13 p.m. by Freeholder Zellman to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Crabb and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Freeholder Parrott to return to Open Session, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

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The Meeting returned to the Agenda as listed.

20. FREEHOLDERS' COMMENTS

Shared Services Agreement with Montague

Freeholder Crabb noted that the County had entered into a Shared Services Agreement with Montague Township for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Sussex/Wantage Consolidation Meeting

Freeholder Crabb said that he planned to attend this meeting.

County Firemen's Parade

Freeholder Crabb said that he participated in the Annual County Firemen's Parade in Ogdensburg on Saturday; Freeholder Crabb said for the record that Franklin Fire Department took first place in marching, truck, antique, color guard, band, and lost the overall to Sussex.

Regional Plan Visioning Session

Freeholder Zellman thanked Freeholder Vetrano and Freeholder Crabb for attending the Regional Plan Visioning Session that was held at the Technical School through the NJTPA; it was very well attended by a great cross section of individuals, including many elected officials from across the County.

County Firemen's Parade

Freeholder Vetrano said that the Ogdensburg Council was very pleased with the work the County did in taking care of the road; he suggested to Freeholder Parrott that he send a note to Steve Losey thanking his staff for their efforts.

Welcome to Sussex County signs

Freeholder Vetrano noted that various organizations were maintaining the "Welcome to Sussex County" signs, and asked the Board to take notice of these efforts.

Lake Hopatcong Commission

Freeholder Vetrano referred to the disbanding of the Lake Hopatcong Commission; he said that he was discouraged because he did not feel that everyone was doing their part to make sacrifices and felt that budget cuts were continuing to be made in this end of the State; Freeholder Vetrano said that he would like to send a letter to the Governor's Office to tell the Governor how disappointed the County was; he said that the current administration in the Governor's Office was supposed to be very environmentally friendly, however, it had disbanded a Commission that monitored the State of New Jersey's largest pristine waterway which was a water resource as well.

Freeholder Wirths made note that the disbanding of the Lake Hopatcong Commission had not been made public yet; there was a brief discussion; the Board decided to wait until it had been made public before sending a letter to the Governor.

List of bridges to be monitored

Freeholder Vetrano said that at his recent Liaison Meeting with the Department of Engineering and Planning, he was informed that there would be a list established on bridges that Engineering staff felt should be monitored for potential bridge closures in the future.

McNeice Auditorium/Sussex County Technical School

Freeholder Vetrano referred to the need for some major capital improvements to the McNeice Auditorium at the Sussex County Technical School; he noted that at this time, the Board did not have the financial resources to put into the Auditorium.

Freeholder Vetrano asked County Counsel if the Auditorium could be leased out on a long-term basis, possibly to someone in the art field.

There was a brief discussion regarding the disrepair of the facility; it was also discussed to speak to the Technical School officials about the possibility of putting out an RFP for an interested party to lease the facility for a minimal amount, with the idea that the person or business leasing the facility would make the necessary improvements to the Auditorium.

The Board requested that the County Administrator reach out to the Technical School Superintendent to discuss this possibility with him.

Resumes' submitted for Technical School Board of Education

There was a brief discussion regarding the slow response for the request for applicants for the position on the Board of Education that would be vacant as of November 1, 2008.

SCARC Grand Opening

Freeholder Wirths said that he attended the SCARC Grand Opening and that it went well.

Affordable housing

Freeholder Zellman said that she attended the ELC Meeting this morning; Freeholder Zellman said that she suggested to the builders who were present that they should look to partner with the non-profit agencies.

Flu shots

Freeholder Parrott noted that flu shots were being administered through the County.

Farmer's Market Building at the Fairgrounds

Freeholder Parrott said that he accompanied Freeholder Vetrano to a meeting regarding the building for the Farmer's Market to be located at the Sussex County Fairgrounds; he added that there were some good ideas and he complimented Freeholder Vetrano on his efforts to save money on this project, even though grant funds were being utilized for this project.

COAH housing

Freeholder Parrott referred to a newspaper article regarding COAH housing in Clinton; he said 124 COAH units were approved in Clinton in 1999; at the present time, a number of these units are in foreclosure; there is a 30 year deed restriction, but the deed restriction is specific and says that the bank that lends the money is not subject to the restriction according to the newspaper article.

Freeholder Parrott said that he was going to check into this; he added that the article said that the first mortgagee could sell that unit as a regular saleable unit and the town loses the COAH credit.

Freeholder Zellman said that as far as she knew, at least with the third round, the rules had changed; the town has the first right of refusal; she said that with the newer units the rules have changed and this would not be in effect.

There was a brief discussion.

Freeholder Parrott asked County Counsel to check into this issue; Freeholder Zellman provided County Counsel with a contact name and telephone number at the State level.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Held earlier in the Meeting.

RESOLUTION RE: REQUESTING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- E. Personnel
- F. Contract
- G. Litigation
- H. Other Matters

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22. REMINDERS

Monday	October 13, 2008	Columbus Day	Holiday
Thursday	October 16, 2008	League of Mun.	6:00 pm
		Meeting – Adam Todd, Rt. 206	
Wednesday	October 22, 2008	Regular Meeting	5:00 pm

23. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made at 6:40 p.m. by Freeholder Crabb to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Vetrano and passed unanimously.

Elaine A. Morgan, Clerk

DATED: October 8, 2008